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Section 3 of this year's Conveyance Act proposes that 4+ acres of Silver Sands State Park be conveyed to the City of Milford for \$0.

This land will be used for an exclusive parking area only for town residents. DEEP had previously refused Milford's request to establish an exclusive parking area for residents, so the city asked that the area in question be taken from Silver Sands and be given to Milford.

This conveyance would set two bad precedents:

- 1) Overriding DEEP's decision that part of the park should not be devoted to the private use of Milford residents. DEEP is the best governmental body to make this determination.
- 2) Establishing the principle that a town in which a state park is located should have special rights regarding the use of the park. State parks are for the people of the entire state - they will always be located in relationship to a local area, and that local area will enjoy the convenience of the proximity of the park, but the local town or city in no way "owns" the park or special access to the park. If Milford wants to create a parking area for Milford residents at Silver Sands State Park, it can acquire land close to the park for this purpose.

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